

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

July 23, 2020

**Regular Quarterly Meeting
Via Video Conference Call**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 9:02 a.m. on July 23, 2020, with the following members present: Stuart Stedman, presiding; Javaid Anwar; Cody Campbell; Fred Farias; Emma Schwartz; Sam Torn; Donna Williams; Welcome Wilson; and Levi McClenny.

Member absent: Ricky Raven.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks	<p>Mr. Stedman called the teleconference meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and called the role. All members, except Mr. Raven, were present.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the absence of Mr. Raven. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>A quorum was met for this Board Meeting.</p>
A. Welcome new Student Board Member	No action required. The Board members welcomed Mr. Levi McClenny to the Board.
B. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required.
II. Public Testimony	
A. Public Testimony	No action required.
III. Approval of Minutes	
A. Quarterly Board Meeting, April 23, 2020	On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the minutes for the April Quarterly Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.
B. Special Called Board Meeting, May 20, 2020	On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the minutes for the May Special Called Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Approval of the Consent Calendar	
A. Consent Calendar	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the Consent Calendar as amended. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Items added to the Consent Calendar by Mr. Stedman were: Agenda Item 9-B; Agenda Item 9-C; Agenda Item 9-D; Agenda Item 9-E; Agenda Item 9-F; and Agenda Item 9-G.</p> <p>Items approved on the Consent Calendar as amended were: Agenda Item 7-B; Agenda Item 7-C; Agenda Item 7-D; Agenda Item 9-B; Agenda Item 9-C; Agenda Item 9-D; Agenda Item 9-E; Agenda Item 9-F; Agenda Item 9-G.; Agenda Item 9-H; Agenda Item 9-I; Agenda Item 9-K; Agenda Item 9-L; Agenda Item 9-M (1 through 3); Agenda Item 9-N; Agenda Item 9-O (1 & 2); Agenda Item 9-P (1 through 5); Agenda Item 9-Q; Agenda Item 10-B; Agenda Item 10-C; Agenda Item 10-D; Agenda Item 10-E; and Agenda Item 10-F.</p>
V. Major Policy Discussion	
A. COVID-19 Impact to Texas Higher Education	<p>No action required.</p> <p>Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education; Ray Martinez, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Workforce Education; and Melissa Henderson, Associate Commissioner for Development and Executive Director of the Foundation, presented this item and were available for questions.</p>
VI. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. Update on Improving Transfer in Texas	<p>No action required.</p> <p>Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University System, and Jacob Fraire, President and Chief Executive Officer, Texas Association of Community Colleges, presented this item and were available for questions.</p>
VII. Matters Relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.

B. Consideration of approving the Committee's recommendation to change Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics wherever it appears in the Board Rules	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Review of facilities projects that were submitted to the Coordinating Board	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the report on the TEXAS Grant Program (Texas Education Code §56.311(c-1))	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Proposed Rules: (1) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Section 1.18 of Board rules, concerning the Operation of Education Research Centers	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the amendments to Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Section 1.18 of Board rules, concerning the Operation of Education Research Centers. The vote was unanimous. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning, presented this item and was available for questions.
VIII. Lunch	Mr. Stedman announced the Board would not break for lunch; however, the meeting adjourned for a short break at 10:53 a.m. and re-convened at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Anwar and Mr. McClenny departed the meeting.
IX. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.
B. Report to the Board on activities of the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee, including the report on trustee funds distributed in Fiscal Year 2020	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Report to the Board on activities of the Learning Technology Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
D. Report to the Board on activities of the Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM) Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Report to the Board on activities of the Medical Education and Graduate Medical Education Programs	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

F. Report to the Board on activities of the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee (UEAC)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
G. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the distribution of funds trustee to the Coordinating Board to support family practice residency programs for Fiscal Year 2021	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
H. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to changes in the Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
I. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the Report on the Autism Grant Program	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
J. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to Strategies to Incentivize Institutions of Higher Education to Develop Degree Programs in Cybersecurity: A Report to the Texas Legislature (Senate Bill 64, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board approved the Strategies to Incentivize Institutions of Higher Education to Develop Degree Programs in Cybersecurity: A Report to the Texas Legislature. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
K. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the report on the effectiveness of the Open Educational Resources Grant Program (Senate Bill 810, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session; and House Bill 1, Rider 55, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
L. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the January 2020 Annual Compliance Reports for institutions under a Certificate of Authorization (Names beginning with "A" through "O")	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
<p>M. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>1) THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philanthropy</p> <p>2) UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS Master of Science (MS) in Data Engineering</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

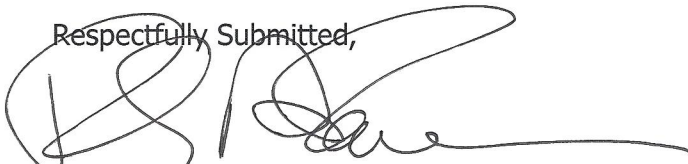
<p>3) UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN Master of Professional Accountancy (MPA) in Professional Accountancy</p> <p>4) THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Data Science</p> <p>5) MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions. The University of Texas at El Paso representatives Dr. Stephen Crites, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost, and Dr. Amy Wagler, Associate Chair of Mathematical Sciences, were also available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions. Midwestern State University representatives Mr. James Johnston, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Kathy Zuckweiler, Dean of the Billie Doris McAda Graduate School; and Mr. Matthew Capps, Dean of the West College of Education, were also available for questions.</p>
<p>N. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the issuance of a Request for Offers for the development and ongoing support of an online Pre-Assessment Activity</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>O. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the issuance of a Request for Applications for the:</p> <p>(1) Graduate Medical Education Expansion Program</p> <p>(2) Nursing, Allied Health and Other Health-related Education Grant Program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>P. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the appointment of member(s) to:</p> <p>(1) Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC)</p> <p>(2) Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM) Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

<p>(3) Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) Advisory Committee</p> <p>(4) Certification Advisory Council (CAC)</p> <p>(5) Apply Texas Advisory Committee (ATAC)</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
Q. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the last Board meeting	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
R. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to suspending the September 1, 2020, effective date for Fields of Study previously adopted by the Board	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved suspending the September 1, 2020, effective date for Fields of Study previously adopted by the Board. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
S. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to a request to establish a contract with a higher education artificial intelligence vendor for the Virtual Advising Project (ADVi)	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the request to establish a contract with a higher education artificial intelligence vendor for the Virtual Advising Project (ADVi). The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
X. Matters relating to the Agency Operations Committee	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.
B. Report on grants and contracts	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board regarding the approval to: (1) issue a Request for Qualifications to conduct the audit of the Agency-wide Financial Statements for fiscal year ended August 31, 2020; and (2) enter into a contract with the selected auditing firm, subject to the approval of the Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Agency Operations Committee, with options to renew the contract for up to three additional years	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2021	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the Annual Compliance Monitoring Plan for Fiscal Year 2021	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Consideration of adopting amendments to the Board Operating Policies and Procedures	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
XI. Executive Session	
A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss the performance evaluations of the Commissioner of Higher Education and Internal Auditor since these positions report directly to the Board	<p>The Board went into closed session at 11:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12:19 p.m. There was no action taken during the closed session.</p> <p>Upon return to open session, on a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board adopted the evaluations of the Commissioner and Internal Auditor as discussed in Executive Session. The vote was unanimous.</p>
XII Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricky A. Raven
Secretary of the Board